

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

8069 Sjt. L. Barnes, 2nd Bn., Som. L.I. (Crewkerne). (INDIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the siege of Abadah on 2nd July 1918, the enemy attempted to destroy the mud wall defence by a stream of water. Sjt. Barnes accompanied a R.E. officer in a sortie to divert the water. The officer was mortally wounded and carried back. Sjt. Barnes remained at work under heavy fire until the water was diverted. Later, he on two occasions went out reconnoitring alone at night to locate mine shafts the enemy were digging.

G/5776 Sjt. W. Burnham, 2nd Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Penge). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th Oct. 1918. Although wounded in the chest at an early stage of an attack, he remained at duty and continued to lead his platoon, refusing to be evacuated until the end of the action. Throughout he showed great coolness and perseverance.

19/797 Rfn. J. Gibson, 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Castlewellet, Co. Down).

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty during the operation between Deerlyck and the river Gaverbeck on 20th Oct. 1918. He was acting as company runner. He carried at least ten messages under intense machine-gun and shell fire over open country. Although wounded, he remained at his post and continued to carry messages. His pluck and devotion to duty were splendid.

38984 Sjt. E. R. Gilbert, R.E., attd. 18th Div. Sig. Coy. (Rugby). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Tel Adh Dhaab, on the night of 25/26th October, 1918. He carried important despatches at night across unknown and difficult country under heavy fire. Again, on 28th October, 1918, near Sakr an Nami, he rendered equally valuable service in carrying urgent messages between Divnl. and Bde. H.-Qs. under fire. Throughout the operations he showed great courage and energy, setting a fine example to the despatch riders of his company.

L/10857 L./C. C. James, 2nd Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Halifax). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th October, 1918. During an attack when the enemy's fire was greatly impeding our advance, he was sent up the side of a spur to locate hostile machine guns. On reaching the top he found one gun, which he immediately charged, killing or capturing the entire team. His prompt and daring action materially relieved the local situation.

L/8349 C./S./M. L. G. L. Kemp, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Ashford). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th October, 1918. When all the officers of his company had

become casualties, he assumed command and led his men to the attack with great ability and initiative. His conduct throughout the engagement was splendid.

14669 Sjt. G. Ramage, 1st Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 25/26th October, 1918. During two days of hard fighting he displayed the greatest coolness and courage. When an attack was held up by heavy fire, he was of the utmost assistance in reorganising the men and affecting a withdrawal from a difficult situation. His behaviour throughout was splendid.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

5 Sjt. H. Creek, 1st Aust. Arm. Car. Sec. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On 20th Sept. 1918, at Ajule, he cut off three enemy motor lorries full of men and material, causing them to surrender. The lorries were afterwards driven into the town intact and undamaged, and all occupants taken prisoners.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

2239 Sjt. T. V. Camm, M.G. Corps (Motors). (MESOPOTAMIA)
(London Gazette dated 19th April, 1919.)

56527 Pte. W. M. Cooke, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C. (London Gazette dated 18th February, 1919.)

528042 Sjt. J. Duff, 14th Bn., Lond. R. (London Gazette dated 5th December, 1918.)

20247 Sjt. F. J. Jackson, 49th Bn., M.G. Corps. (London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

7785 A./C./Q./M./S. S. Mart, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (London Gazette dated 30th June, 1915.)

15618 C./S./M. S. W. Mead, 11th Bn., Suff. R. (London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

36501 Sjt. C. O'Neill, 145th Coy., M.G. Corps. (London Gazette dated 26th May, 1917.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

788632 Cpl. J. Billings, 38th Bn., E. Ont. R. (London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

500572 Cpl. A. Pym, 3rd Bn., Can. Engrs. (London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

525230 Pte. H. L. Oakes, 7th Bn., Can. Infy. (London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

The following are the correct descriptions of Officers and Nurses upon whom awards have recently been conferred:—

Lt. Charles John Allbon, M.C., 25th Infy. Bn., Nova Scotia R. (M.C. gazetted 8th March, 1919.)